

Land Office

It Should Be at Anadarko

The Time to Do is Now or Never.

Let the Commercial Club and All Citizens Work For It

Washington, Nov. 6.—The secretary of the interior has decided to postpone the consideration of the plan to consolidate the Oklahoma City and Guthrie land districts in Oklahoma until a thorough investigation can be made into the condition of all the eight land districts of the territory created under former acts of congress. It has become apparent that there are more land districts in the territory than the land office business justifies and Secretary Hitchcock deems it wise and prudent to take the entire business up and consider it at one time rather than by piece meal.

Commissioner Hermann, of the general land office has been called upon for a report showing the condition of each of the eight land offices in the territory and a recommendation for the abolishment of such land districts which are found to be most centrally located and convenient to those homesteaders who have not perfected titles to their property.

Last week Commissioner Hermann, in response to a request from the secretary, submitted a recommendation for the abolishment of the Oklahoma land district and its consolidation with Guthrie, Mangum and El Reno districts. This is satisfactory so far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. As a redistricting of all the offices is rendered imperative within the near future, Secretary Hitchcock can see no advantage gained in taking up this case now and others later on. Such a course would only lead to confusion and prove annoying and vexatious to the officials of the department.

As soon as the information called for from the commissioner, which cannot be furnished for several weeks, is received, the secretary will take up the entire subject and handle it in a complete and comprehensive manner. It seems probable that the three offices abolished will be those at Oklahoma City, Kingfisher and Alva.

Public School Text Books—An Explanation

Regarding the text books in use in our public schools, I feel that an explanation is due from me to the people of this city, who have been patronizing Methvin's Institute. When it was decided, in response to numerous applications to admit pupils from the city into our school to save them from extra expense when the public schools should open, I used all diligence to ascertain the course of study of the public schools and the text books that would be used. I called upon Mr. Turner, the county superintendent of public schools, and from him secured the desired information. To avoid "the loss incident to a diversity of text books," I find that the Oklahoma legislature passed a law Nov. 12th 1897, directing the Territorial Superintendent of Public Instruction to make a five years contract with publishers for uniform text books for the Oklahoma public schools. This contract was made and does not expire till some time next year. The list of books included in that contract are on file in the office of the county superintendent. These I instructed the pupils to buy, feeling sure that they would be secure from the expense of other text books when the public schools opened. If there has been a change and consequence extra expense I am not responsible for it. I feel that this explanation is due since some are disposed to censure me.

J. J. METVIN.

P. S. I would suggest that if the publishers have agreed to furnish other books than those named in the contract list, they ought to take up, without loss to pupils, those that have been bought of the contract list not now used.

J. J. M.

Call up telephone 69 when you want a Transfer wagon. 38tf

Attention Ladies of the G. A. R.

All members are requested to meet Saturday Nov. 9th at two o'clock at Judge Crum's office, in court house. New members desired.

By order of the Committee.

Bargains in Relinquishment

And city property. Partner wanted in good paying business. Stock of goods to trade for lot on court house square. Cheap house. Lodging house; bakery. Trade town property in St. Louis and other towns in Missouri and other states for either city or country property here. For any kind of sale or trade call on

J. L. BYRNE & CO.

Up stairs in telephone building, north side court house square.

ANADARKO, O. T.

James Brown sold lumber yesterday to John McFarland for his building which he is putting up on C street east of Sixth. He will put up a \$1,700 building and engage in the general merchandising business.

James Brown has finished the painting about his lumber yard and his office is as pretty a piece of work as can be found in the city.

S. R. Harley and wife, R. T. Harrington and wife, and Fred M. Johnson of Marquette, Illinois, were a party at the Hotel Florence, arriving yesterday. They are well pleased with Anadarko.

Dr. E. E. Clark, of Oakley, Illinois, arrived in this city yesterday.

Go to Bob & Pete's place for a good lunch. 38tf

The Anadarko Transfer Co. moves anything. Tel. 69. 39tf

Anadarko Transfer Co., is located with Jno. Kelley on east C Street. Tel. 69. 38tf

Say did you see those hot draft coal heaters at Duncan & Leonhard They are beauties. 44tf

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See the Anadarko Brick Co. for all kinds of building brick. A good supply constantly on hand.

Just received a fine line of guns ammunition, hunting coats and buggies at Duncan & Leonhard. 44tf

Verde V. Hardestie, city attorney, now has his office in the Morgan building, south of the public square. 1mo51

Mitchell & Hardestie, lawyers, invite their friends to call on them at their new office rooms, Nos. 2 and 3 in the Morgan building. 1mo51

"Up-to-Date" Furnishings, Boots, Shoes, Hats, etc. The finest line of Men's and Boys' Underwear in the city.—Clarke & Boone. 42tf

The Reece Agency has cash customers for six residence lots in Anadarko and ten claims within twelve miles of the city. List your property if you wish to sell it. 51tf

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Will the lady who fell in a swoon last Thursday, in front of the post office, call at our store? She suffers from Bilioussness. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will surely cure her. Sold by O. C. Stephenson.

Team wanted for city property Lot 6, block 16.

Everything that is good to eat at Bob & Pete's place—Bill & Ed's old stand. 38tf

Bob & Pete have opened the stand formerly occupied by Bill & Ed's Quick Lunch house and solicit your patronage. 38tf

Call on the Anadarko Transfer Co. When wanting furniture, pianos, merchandise or anything moved Tel. 69. 38tf

Notice is hereby given to all saloon keepers to appear before the city council tonight to make application for their city license.

It will pay you to see Duncan & Leonhard and get their prices on heating stoves before you buy. They can save you money and make you happy. 44tf

We have a large line of samples of suits, pants, fancy vests and overcoats, in any style from \$2.00 up. Suits and overcoats from \$12.00 up.—Clarke & Boone. 42tf

The Pioneer Drug Store for school books. 6150

WANTED—A tenant to rent and furnish a four-room house occupying two rooms and letting me have two furnished rooms. House will rent for \$12.40 per month, but the right party may have it on other term for \$3.40. Address W. H. Curtis, care of Democrat. 484f

The Aetna Building and Loan Association of Topeka, Kansas, is certainly the poor man's friend. Several nice residences have already been commenced in Anadarko. The Reece Agency is kept busy registering stock and making out applications for loans. 501f

Hon. John M. Williams, of California, Missouri, arrived in this city yesterday and remained in this city until this afternoon when he left for his claim northwest of 14 Cobb, on Cobb creek. Mr. Williams is a prominent lawyer of Central Missouri serving as state senator and circuit judge.

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